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3 Q-Can you comment on Prime Minister Macmil.

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3 Q—Can you comment on Prime Minister Macmillan's statement yesterday that there will be no testing on Christimas Island before the opening of the Geneva conference, and have developments in the last week affected our plans?

A—No. I disagree. I think a created our plans and nothing in the events of the last week — if you're referring to the exchange of communications with Chairman Krushakhele which we had, and his letter back, and now our letter back and most important declaration. Sustain Chair American System.

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then of course if we also moving ahead in that kind of area and if me specends and in the state of area and if me specends and another in Geneva would amove that cause, of course I would go.

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5 Q.—Mr. President? A
Yes, Q.—Have you received
any indication from the neurailst countries, particularly
India, whether or not they
would send foreign ministers
or heads of state to the March
18 meeting?
A.—No, I don't know what
the decision will be of the
heads of the other governments to which Mr. Khrusachev addressed his letter.
2 Q.—Mr. President? A.—

6 Q.-Mr. President? A - Yes. Q.-Our Labor Department estimates that approximately 1,800,800 persons holding tobs are sentiments.

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A.—Well, it is a fact that we have to find over a tensear period 25,000 new jobs every weck to take care of hose who are displaced by nachines and those who are

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8 — Mr. President, you would have indicated you would have some proof to fine nuclear test bear at the meetings that open of March 18. Would the United States be willing the Company of the Compan

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sand Remark. It is bigartism and includes members who are the most aware and the most aware and the most aware and the most experienced in the archive more five mormed.

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12 Q—Mr. President, the being Valentine's Day, say, do you think it might be a good idea if you were to call Secretary of Defensel his discussed it with the large for a heart-to-heart tilk on disagreements for the most policy.

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Some interpretation of the subject is that.

that A Well. I timik I've just indicated what our role is. We have infreased our assistance to the Government. It's logistics. We have not sent combat troops there, though the training missions that we have there have been instructed if they are fured upon to they are would, of course, fire back to protect themselves. But we have not sent combat troops in the generally understood sense of the have increased our training mission. We've increased our bear to the have increased our training mission we've increased our training mission. We've increased our training to prevent a Communist take-over of Vietnay which is in accordance why a policy which is not a policy whic A Well I think I've just

ean be I think we what I have said to you is a description of our activity there.

5 Q. Mr. President, a con15 Q. Mr. President, a con15 Q. Mr. President, a con16 Q. Mr. President, a con17 Q. Mr. Eugene Black of the 
World Bank to India and 
Pakistan to see what could be 
done about the Kashiri dispute. Apparently Prime Minister Nehu doeant this that 
approach or feels it should be 
done another way. What—do 
you have any preent plan to 
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other approach?

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into military channels as a 
result of tensions with each 
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20 9 Mr President, would will approve a bill which would increase the size of the Hole and the size of the Hole and the size of the Hole and the size of the size

be approved for not.

2 Q -Mr. President, in the part it had been thought that the Russians might persuade the Red Chinese to agree to any nuclear test ban agreement that they might reach with the Russians' ability to persuade the Chinese to seems that the Russians' ability to persuade the Chinese how then you are bringing the Red Chinese into any inspection and control ayatem." a judgment on as to whether the national interest beserved by their going.

23 G. Mr. President in view of their going.

3 G. Mr. President in view of the avoided solidirity of Communist Cuba with the Soviet Union, what is the present status of the Monroe Doctrine?

A.—Well, in the first place, the—Mr. Pierrel Salinger (White House press serve taxy) passed up a note saying that the O. A. S. the Organization of American States and Community of the Hemisphere in regul to this.

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We are altempting to community of the Hemisphere in regul to the Organization of American States, through the Hemisphere. Quite obviously, we have our own national interests to protect and our national security to protect, which we will do.

And therefore we attempt to accommodate the policies in a whole variety of ways in order to serve the national interest.

inspection and control system?

A.—Well it's obviously very difficult, but there is really no use in having an inspection system agreed uoon between, say, the Soviet Union and the inited States and some other countries, and then have another country—large—carrying on intensive armamenta in the country—large—carrying on intensive armamenta that would not protect our security.

ing on intensive armamenta preparation. Quite obviously that would not protect our security.

So this problem of bringing them in is a problem that must be considered before we would be able to have confidence in any disarrangement. I quite recognise the hards after the properties of the security of the properties of the security of the properties and we have a good ideal of hurdles to overcome before we come to this particular question. It is a question which waits for us before the end of the road is reached, and it will be a very difficult one, but one that we certainly should have in mind as we start on this conference.

2 Q.—Mr. President, last the properties with the leaders of the Soviet Parliament in which they urged the establishment of the sand canchange of delegations between the full of the properties of the soviet Parliament in which they urged the establishment of these and exchange of the Soviet Parliament in which they urged the establishment of the sand exchange of the Soviet Parliament in which they urged the establishment of the sand exchange of the Soviet parliament in which they urged the establishment of the supreme Soviet of

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concluded. [Questions 1 and 2.]

Violence—He brushed aside criticism he had been less than candid on the extent of United States participation in the fighting in Victuam. He said no combat troops in the usual sense of the word had been sent there, but he said the United States "training missions" had been ordered to fire if fired upon. [Questions 13 and 14]

Lace—He is unhappy over the slow progress in Lacs. where the rease-fire is becoming "increasingly frayed." [Question 27.]

Automation—The "major demestic challenge" in the Nincteen Sixties, he said, is to find jobs for those who are displaced by machines and for those coming into the labor market, [Quastion 6.]

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changes. I think the matter of whether the Congress should go is really a decision which the Congress them selves should reach. As far as my general interest, of course, I think that exchanges are very useful. But on the matter of the Congress itself. I think that it's a matter which the Congress can make a judgment on as to whether decisions as to whether the mission should go or not. I think it's been very unfortunate. But, I have taken the position that their—the judgment of those on the spot should be final in regard to this mission and I'll continue to take that judgment.

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gard to this mission and I'll continue to take that judgment, I think they would be reluctant to have it canceled for another three or four months because it would slow our whole space program down at a time when were making a concentrate effort in space. But I'm quite aware of the strain it's caused everyone and its been a source of regret to everyone and but I think we ought to stek with the present group who are making the judgment and they are hopeful still of hive the first work of the day of the

25 g Mr. President, what be syour rection to the proposal for a permanent summer Winte Home at Newport, R. I. Thave you reached a decision on that A. No. Mr. (Stewart f.) I dail Becretary of the Interior) — the proposal was made by I think, Senator (Claibornel Pell and Senator (Claibornel Pell and Senator I John O.). Pastore, and it went to Mr. Udail and I've mot discussed the matter with him and -though he is looking at the matter and is giore to cript to them, and I make the proposal was the statement of the proposal was the statement of the proposal of the proposal of the statement of the proposal of the proposa

order to serve the national interest.

24 Q. Mr. President, sir.

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25 my question concerns the prosponement of Col. (John H.) Glenn's flight lodgy. This is the eighth time. I believe, that his flight has been postponed and among other things there's been a considerable ordest on Col. conel Glenn himself. It would have been better even now to asy, move up the date much deeper in the apring to a point where we would be more certain of the weather instead of running the tisk of repeated delays?

A—Well, it is unfortunate. I know it strains Colonel Glenn. It has delayed our program. It puts burdens on sill those who must make these I will discuss it with him before a final decision is made.

26 9. Mr. President? A. Yes. Q. There has been a notable lack of activity in the Senate on postal rate increases. There are some there is some indication that itself of efforts to the formal rate increases. The modern rate increases with six of the control of the rate increases. In the control of the rate increase bill. I'm hope full that the Senate will, Then the results will, then the results will, then the results will result in hope full that the Senate will. Then the results will, then the results will, then the results will results a some recommendations in that area, but I think it would be a mistake to so intimately link them at this time.

Q.—Mr. President? A.—Yes, Miss [Marguerite] Higgins [of The New York Herald Tribunc.]

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27 Q. He President, could of
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continuing Communist attacks at Nam Tha?

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Following arc main punits of President Rennedy's news conference today:

Summit—He said he would attend a head-sof-government meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev on disarmament if negotiations on a lower level showed some progress toward an effective agreement. [Question 4:]

Powers—Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot, is "co-operating voluntarily" with questioning by Government officials and would be permitted to testity before Congressional committees after the "important interviews" were concluded. [Questions 1 and 2:]

Visians—He brushed aside criticism he had been less

moved forward The Government forces reinforce their people at the town. The town is very close to the Chinese border, so it's a very dangerous situation because if the cases fire should break down, we would have—be faced with the most serious decision. So I'm hopeful the cease fire will

Connor—He would not defend every change made in military speeches by State and Defense speech reviewers, but "they were acting in good faith in every occasion." [Question 28.] 2/15/62 p 14 [2/14/62 NEWS CORF.